BOARD OF ASSESSORS Stow Town Building 380 Great Road, Stow, MA Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2021

Call to order at 1:10 PM

Bruce Morgan (Chair) and Leonard Golder (Member) of Board of Assessors were present. Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) and Stuart Carter (Assistant Assessor) were also present.

- A motion was made by Bruce Morgan to accept minutes from May 19, 2021. Leonard Golder was not a member of the Board for that meeting and therefore abstained.
- Vote: To approve Senior Work-Off Applications. Leonard Golder made a motion to approve 11 seniors for the fiscal 2023 Senior Work-Off Program and 1 senior for the current seconded by Bruce Morgan session (fiscal 2022), seconded by Bruce Morgan.
- Discuss: Veterans Work-Off Program. The Board discussed the new guidelines for the Senior and Veteran Work-Off Programs. Kristen will submit two articles for special town meeting to formally adopt both programs. The Board also discussed the option of allowing proxy workers for those seniors and veterans who are unable to perform the work themselves.
- Discuss/Vote: CPC Liaison position vacancy. The vacancy on the CPC Committee was discussed. Leonard Golder expressed interest in being the liaison from the Board of Assessors. This matter is tabled until the third Board member can be present.
- Discuss/Vote: To abate two (2) Real Estate tax bills on property now owned by the Town of Stow. It was determined that a vote to abate was not needed as these two (2) bills are preliminary bills. An actual bill will not be generated.
- Discuss: One (1) new forest management plan. The recently approved Chapter 61 Forestry Plan of Dwight Sipler was discussed in the context of this land remaining in Chapter 61A and the annual filing requirements.
- Discuss: Status of cyclical inspections. Kristen updated the board on the status of the cyclical inspection program.
- There was no other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:51 PM Kristen read the following statement:

The Board of Assessors is entering Executive Session, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21.3(3), to discuss Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 Appellate Tax Board litigation.

At 1:51 PM there was a roll call vote to enter Executive Session. Motion made by Leonard Golder to enter Executive Session, seconded by Bruce Morgan

Bruce Morgan

Leonard Golder

yes

Leonard Golder (Member)

The meeting adjourned directly from Executive Session at 2:01 PM

Next Meeting: TBD Respectfully submitted, Stuart Carter, MAA, Assistant Assessor

Bruce Morgan, Chair

Teonard Golder (Member)